



Social Analysis 72
Economics: A Critical Approach

Comments



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL FUTURE STUDENTS ABOUT THIS CLASS?

Course

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Great idea for the course, but tries to pack a little bit into one semester. The economics critiques were really interesting, but don't use this as a course to learn basic micro and macro. Some of the time shortage might have been due to the calendar change, so that aspect will likely improve in the future.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

The class moves quickly but if you are interested in understanding economics and its shortfalls, this is a fantastic class.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

it is hard and moves very fast - the problem sets don't count for enough - marglin is legit

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

You get the low-down on REAL economics, not that neoclassical BS that destroys the bonds of society, justifies destruction of the environment, and rationalizes injustice.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Entering the class, I thought the lectures would bore me, but I actually found them very engaging. The course is a good way to get a basic understanding of economics, especially if math isn't your strong suit.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

This is a great course! Marglin is great, and an inspiration. The teaching staff was also wonderful. One word of caution: this class kicked my butt.It's HARD.

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

The subject matter itself is quite excellent. The only problem is in the way the class and examinations are conducted. If you are willing to put time and energy into discerning what will help you on exams with little assistance, take it.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

TAKE THIS COURSE! The only reason I took it was because Social Studies made me, I was actually really scared of it/thought I would hate it, but it ended up being my favorite class this semester. You learn SO much, everyone should be required to take it. Marglin is fantastic, he teaches you everything from micro to macro to critiques of the system, plus he gives you delicious apples. And all of the TFs are great. Honestly just take it it's wonderful.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Pay close attention to the direction Prof Marglin is taking-- he is attempting to lead you on a specific journey with regard to the entire subject of economics, and if you do not follow his logic getting there you will miss a fascinating insight into the modern world.



<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 4 (very good)</p> <p>Take the criticisms with a grain of salt</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 1 (unsatisfactory)</p> <p>At times the lecture seems like Professor Marglin is pontificating about his fairly radical views. This would be fine, but you then need to regurgitate them back on the midterms and final. Don't take this class if you know any economics at all; the strawmanning going on is just ridiculous.</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 2 (fair)</p> <p>This class is definitely the one to take if you have an Economics requirement, because it provides multiple perspective on Economics and doesn't simply buy into the mainstream view. However, as a Social Analysis elective, I would not recommend it.</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 3 (good)</p> <p>I think this class is perfect for people who don't want to take Ec 10. After knowing nothing about economics, I now understand new articles about economic policy and whether we should combat the recession using this or that. Very useful stuff. Future students: pay attention in section. Lecture, not so necessary.</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 5 (excellent)</p> <p>It's a good way of fulfilling the gen ed req. for social analysis</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 4 (very good)</p> <p>If you've taken AP Econ then most of the material is old to you. If you don't plan on taking e10 but would still like to learn something about it in a shorter period of time this is definitely the class for you. Marglins class is biased towards a more liberal perspective but allows the student to look at economics from a non conservative POV and will definitely make you rethink the world and standard economics. This type of economics does have its faults but will open your eyes.</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 2 (fair)</p> <p>Only take this class if you have to or if you've already taken Economics beforehand</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 4 (very good)</p> <p>An interesting course. Provides a useful perspective on economics.</p>



PLEASE COMMENT ON YOUR SECTION LEADER'S TEACHING.

Larson, Jennifer Mary

<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 3 (good) Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: 3 (good) Sometimes stumbles a little bit on concepts, but does a good job of clarifying concepts from lecture.</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 5 (excellent) Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: 5 (excellent) Jenn is so knowledgeable and runs sections excellently. If it weren't for section with Jenn I would not have done well because it really broke down the lectures into manageable chunks.</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 4 (very good) Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: 5 (excellent) Jenn was a great TF - she made everything approachable and broke things down really well. Most importantly, she repeated things in simple terms A LOT. I was really impressed by her teaching.</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 4 (very good) Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: 5 (excellent) I always walked out of section feeling more confident in my understanding of the concepts. Always accessible, responded quickly to emails. Overall, one of the best TF's I've had.</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 5 (excellent) Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: 5 (excellent) Jenn was great; she really made the course for me. Whenever I was struggling with something, I would go to office hours, and she would patiently work through the problem with me! I thought her presentations in section were great and very clear, and in general she helped clarify the material for me.</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 5 (excellent) Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: 5 (excellent) Excellent, super helpful, prompt at replying to emails!</p>
<p>Evaluate the course overall.: 2 (fair) Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: 5 (excellent) Absolutely fantastic. The only reason I had some idea of what went on in lectures.</p>



Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Jenn is fantastic! She makes everything so clear and accessible, really a wonderful teacher. And I don't mean that in a 'considering-the-fact-that-she's-a-grad-student-not-a-real-teacher' kind of way, but rather out of all the teachers and professors I've had in the past 20 years she is one of the best. Ask her to explain a really difficult concept to you and she'll make it seem easy.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

- Boils it down so that anybody can understand the concepts. From there, she builds the examples or comparisons or overarching themes. Very effective and helpful!

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

Great TF-- very accessible and very solid approach to the material. Generously attempted to make extensive and substantial material straightforward and accessible to students who were not preparing to continue in the field. Thanks for a great semester Jenn!

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

One issue with sections in the class was that TFs would prepare and distribute different handouts to their sections that were all super helpful but I'd have to get them from my friends in other sections or they'd get them from me. The are a great resource and should be streamlined or shared more freely.

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Jenn was an excellent TF. She was a great teacher and she explained things very well and clearly. She ran section in a very organized way and gave great feedback and handouts.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Thank god for Jenn. Seriously, section was the only reason I understood what was going on.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **2 (fair)**

can't explain the concepts well or answer questions about the graphs.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

She's good and often does her best to facilitate discussions about economics.



Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Jenn was great, very helpful and had a terrific grasp of the material she was teaching us. She was one of the best TF's I've had at Harvard.

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

I think Jenn was a great TF and was also accessible and willing to help students out. She was very available and helpful in clarifying Marglin's complex lectures.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Very well-prepared. Leads clear and effective sections. Accessible outside of class.